THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) There are 11 vacancies out of a total strength of 329 in respect of Group 'D' posts pertaining to main Central Water Commissioner, Sewa Bhawan. Of these, 6 posts of Peon and 1 post of Safaiwala alone are to be filled by direct recruitment. No requisition has been sent to Employment Exchange for sponsoring of candidates for filling of the above posts so far. The remaining 4 posts are to be filled by Promotion|transfer from other Group 'D' posts.

Irrigation Facilities to Farmers

654. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the centrally sponsored schemes in operation for small and marginal farmers for encouraging irrigation facilities through canal|sprinkler drip system; and

(b) the financial assistance given for irrigation projects by the Union Government and the World Bank during each of the last three years including assistance given during current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No such centrally sponsored scheme is operated at present by the Ministry of Water Resources.

(b) The central assistance to States is provided in the outlays for state plan as a whole and not separately for a sector like irrigation except in respect of certain projects such as Satluj-Yamuna Link Canal works, Indira Gandhi Nahar Project, Command Area Development works and Minor Irrigation Works.

The financial assistance given for various irrigation projects by Ministry of Water Resources and the World Bank during the last three years and for the current financial year is given below:—

Financial Year	Central assistance (Rs. in crores)	Disbursement by World Bank (million US dollars)
1989-90	180.77	174.84
1990-91	151.78	262.28
1991-92	145.57	291.23
1992-93 (Likely)	162.00	217.00

Command Area Development projects

655. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:

SHRI SATYAPRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Command Area Development Projects in Central sector and the estimated cost likely to be incurred thereon during the 8th Five Year Plan, Project-wise and State-wise;

(b) the additional irrigated are estimated to be brought under the said projects;